

STATE WATER BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-0043

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF PROPOSITION 40,
PROPOSITION 50 AND CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA) SECTION 319(h) GRANTS TO
IMPLEMENT THE AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM (AWQGP) AND
NONPOINT SOURCE (NPS) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is authorized to administer \$11.4 million in bond funds from the *California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002* (Proposition 40) and \$29.5 million in bond funds from the *Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002* (Proposition 50) for the AWQGP;
2. The CWA Section 319(h) provides grant funds for states to implement NPS Programs;
3. The State Water Board is the designated State agency in California to administer the NPS Program;
4. Surface water quality problems associated with runoff from irrigated agricultural lands are widespread in California;
5. Funding is needed to define and identify sources of surface water quality problems associated with irrigated agricultural runoff, and to implement measures to reduce or eliminate polluted runoff from irrigated agricultural land;
6. The State Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2004-0053 on August 26, 2004, approving the AWQGP and NPS Implementation Grant Program Guidelines for implementing the two programs;
7. The State Water Board considered input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and State government agencies associated with agricultural practices in California, a broad spectrum of stakeholders, and the public regarding the development and implementation of the AWQGP and NPS Implementation Grant Program;
8. The State Water Board expects that of its Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 CWA Section 319(h) grant allocation, approximately \$4,566,586 will be available for project grants, and that additional monies from available funds from a prior year grant will fully support the CWA Section 319(h) grant projects;
9. In September 2004, the State Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance (Division) solicited grant proposals to implement the AWQGP and the CWA Section 319(h) NPS Implementation Grant program;
10. The State Water Board approved a Recommended Projects List (RPL) to implement the AWQGP on March 16, 2005;
11. The State Water Board approved an amended RPL to include CWA Section 319(h) projects to implement the AWQGP and the NPS Implementation Grant Program on April 21, 2005;
12. The proposals on the attached RPL were reviewed according to criteria in the AWQGP and NPS Implementation Grant Program Guidelines, adopted by the State Water Board on August 26, 2004, by a review panel made up of staff from the State Water Board, eight Regional Water Quality Control Boards, USEPA, US Geologic Survey, CA Bay-Delta

Authority, CA Department of Food and Agriculture, CA Department of Pesticide Regulation, CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts, Wetlands Subcommittee of the Interagency Coordination Committee, UC Davis Department of Entomology, and UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. The proposals were also reviewed for administrative readiness by Division staff; and

13. The attached RPL was prepared by the Selection Panel, composed of liaisons from the review panel, in accordance with the adopted AWQGP and NPS Implementation Grant Program Guidelines. The projects recommended for funding are those judged by the Selection Panel most likely to reduce or eliminate NPS pollution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves funding for project as recommended on the attached [RPL](#);
2. Approves Proposition 40, Proposition 50 and CWA Section 319(h) funding for projects as recommended on the attached RPL contingent on grant agreements for Section 319(h) projects being executed after the State Water Board receives CWA Section 319(h) funds from USEPA; and
3. Authorizes the Executive Director or the Chief of the Division of Financial Assistance to issue grants, contracts, and amendments to implement the projects approved for funding and placed on the attached RPL.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on June 16, 2005.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board